

28 (New). A pollution control device comprising:  
a housing:  
a pollution control element disposed within the housing, said pollution control element having an oval shape, said oval shape defined by a first radius of curvature and a second radius of curvature, said second radius of curvature smaller than said first radius of curvature; and  
a mounting article disposed between the pollution control element and the housing, said mounting article comprising a sheet material useful for mounting a pollution control element having major top and bottom surfaces, a thickness, a length, and a width, said sheet material having at least one score line which corresponds to the second radius of curvature of the pollution control element, said at least one score line extending only in a direction parallel to the flow of gas through said pollution control element.

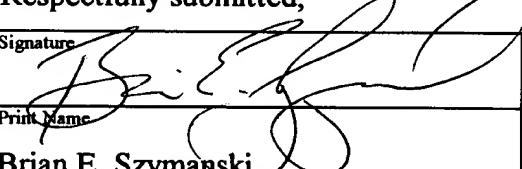
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Applicants submit new claim 28 for consideration by the Examiner. The new claim is supported on page 5, lines 16-28 and in Figs. 4A, 4B, 5A and 5B. No new matter is added with the new claim.

Applicants aver that claim 28 is patentable over the references cited by the Examiner. The references fail to teach, suggest or disclose the advantages of a sheet material having a plurality of score lines in areas of a mounting article which exhibit high surface tension. Particularly, high surface tension is present in an area of a mounting article which corresponds to the smallest radius of curvature of an oval-shaped pollution control element. Consideration of the claim is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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